

SOUND MONEY THE SLOGAN

MCKINLEY MEN AT ST. LOUIS AROUSE

Messrs. Filley and Kerens on the Financial Plank—Powell Clayton Swings Arkansas Into Line for the Gold Standard—The

ST. LOUIS, June 9.—It is by no means difficult to understand why the little McKinley bosses all over the country are begging people to come to St. Louis. There is every indication that the chief McKinley bosses have rushed their candi-

made the whole affair lopsided and uninteresting. That which the McKinley managers did not at first anticipate has come to pass. Many of the hotels have received telegrams giving up rooms that were engaged, and as each day goes by, there is almost a positive assurance that the minor McKinley losses will have to whop it up hard if they wish to save this Convention from being a dead-and-alive affair.

It is certainly a remarkable condition of

things, in view of the ground swell that has been observed for months in favor of McKinley's nomination. It demonstrates beyond a shadow of a doubt what has been noticed all along, that he is really the candidate of a syndicate that has been cute enough and industrious enough to impress the Republican voters of the country that McKinley and McKinley alone is to be their savior from all the ills that flesh is heir to. Never in the history of the Republican party on the day before the National Committee is to meet has there been such a slim attendance of delegates and

Mr. Hanna will be here to-morrow. Telegrams announcing this startling fact have been pouring in from Cleveland all the afternoon. Mr. Hanna will be very much in evidence while in St. Louis. He has headquarters at the Exposition building, the Lucell, the St. Nicholas, the Southern, and the Planters, to say nothing of sub-stations and relay stations in other parts of the town. In fact, Mr. Hanna is to dominate everything and everybody. His candidate, awa-

FILLEY SAYS M'KINLEY WILL WIN.
The question of Mr. McKinley's nomination is not gainsaid, but there is every evidence to warrant the assertion that Mr. Hanna and his

associates will have to do big work if they wish to arouse any particular enthusiasm in the campaign that is to follow. The Hon. Chauncey I. Filley believed he hit the nail squarely on the head this afternoon when he declared that nothing could stop McKinley's nomination and that nothing could stop the adoption of a sound money plank by this Convention. It is well known that Mr. Filley's associates are

Hotel dinner in New York where the anti-McKinley combine was organized. It was there that the ironclad compact was framed there Quay, Platt, Feessenden, Filley, and others should all stand together in their opposition to McKinley's nomination. For this reason Mr. Filley's utterances to-day will be interesting. He said:

"Nothing can stop McKinley's nomination. There is a sentiment demanding it, and no power on earth can defeat the sentiment of the people. This sentiment springs from the crust of the nation."

buckets and empty stomachs. The Convention will be called to order on Tuesday next. It will take from that time until the following Thursday probably to settle the contests. No matter how these contests are settled, they will not affect McKinley's nomination. These contests

are victims of their nature and of very little interest to the people outside of the respective States in which they have occurred. They are made simply for the purpose of securing recognition at the hands of the incoming Administration. The contestants who are recognized will expect the favors to be handed out by the Administration. That is all these contestants are fighting for, and yet this fighting will possibly delay the Convention two or three days.

"As McKimley's nomination cannot be

stopped, neither can the demand for a sound-money plank be stopped. This plank will be for sound money, and there will not be one jot or tittle in it relative to free-silver coinage at 16 to 1. As I understand it, Mr. Hanna does not object to any such plank. There has been some talk to-day on the part of certain Western people that they will raise old hob if a free-coinage

There has been a story circulated here to the effect that the anti-McKinley managers have raised \$1,000,000 for the purpose of defeating McKinley's nomination. I never saw a time

when so many ridiculous reports were put in circulation as now. The fact of the matter is that the anti-McKinley managers have scarcely had enough money for postage stamps."

The Hon. Richard C. Kerens, National Committeeman for Missouri, and ex-Congressman Nathan Frank returned to-day from their visit to Mr. McKinley at Canton. There is bad blood between Mr. Filley and Mr. Kerens, but it looks as if Mr. Filley is to succeed Mr. Kerens on the

that Harrison turned down Filley and put in Kerens. Although Mr. Kerens has been a strong McKinley man, it is apparent that Mr. Filley has the power to defeat Mr. Kerens for the National Committee. There is a story in circulation that the McKinley bosses propose to interfere, and insist upon the selection of some other man besides Filley. If this is done McKinley will undoubtedly lose the State of Missouri. But no matter about that now.

That all it is necessary to say here is that Mr. Kerens and Mr. Frank, after their return from McKinley, insisted that the money plank to be adopted here is to be a sound one, and yet they will give no specific details, for the reason that they say that Mr. McKinley does not wish to appear to dictate anything. Mr. Kerens said:

"The money plank will be against free-silver coinage at 16 to 1 by this country alone. The

McKinley has looked over a number of planks and it seems to me as if the Indiana plank is pretty good one."

Mr. Frank said:

"The money plank will be for sound money and sound money alone. It will be unequivocally opposed to the free-silver coinage independent of international agreement. There is no mistake about this."

There is so much heard about the Indiana

plank that a little inquiry to-day developed the fact that C. W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis, a delegate at large for Indiana, is spoken of as a possible temporary or permanent Chairman of the Convention. Mr. Fairbanks is a business man with vast enterprises, and he was one of the numerous McKinley men sent by the McKinley managers to New York city for the purpose of convincing the Eastern business people that McKinley is a sound-money man. The

Kinley stands on the money question. He is a dumb as a clam on the subject, and the McKimley managers are doing the talking for him. That, however, is possibly as it should be, for the reason that his managers have done all of the work and naturally must assume the responsibility for him.